

Editorial



E-journal a success?

When we made the decision to change *Gold Bulletin* into an E-journal, we wondered if it would be successful or whether we would lose readers. Looking back over the year 2005, we can honestly say that it has been a great success. Downloads are increasing each month (December was fantastic) and access to the archive of back issues has been very good too. We hope to build on this success in 2006 as more people realise that they can access a relevant, quality journal for free in a user-friendly way.

It is not all perfect progress, however. Judging from the gentle stream of claims for the printed issues from library subscribers that still land on my desk, many librarians did not realise *Gold Bulletin* was switching to E-journal format, despite our efforts to inform them! But we are winning slowly! In fact, in this issue of *Gold Bulletin*, there is a downloadable form that **you** can hand into your organisation's or institution's librarian, requesting that they add the *Gold Bulletin's* url, www.goldbulletin.org, to the list of journals available to staff. Do it now!

Impact Factors and Citations

We have long known that *Gold Bulletin* is a well-cited journal and gets high ratings in Citation Indices (2.136 in 2004 according to ISI's Science Citation Index). Better in some instances than other well-known brands of scientific journals! Nonetheless, we were very pleasantly surprised to be told by one recent author, Professor Stephen Hashmi, University of Stuttgart, that Thomson ISIR had selected his paper (GB **37** (1), 2005, 51-65) on homogeneous catalysis by gold as a "New Hot Paper". The basis of selection is for the paper to be among the top 0.1% cited in a bimonthly period (see <http://esi-topics.com>). Congratulations to Stephen on his achievement!

We know that other gold catalysis papers are also getting high citations and this is a reflection of the fact that gold

catalysis is a hot topic among researchers. The reason for this, we believe, is in part due to the promotion of this topic in *Gold Bulletin* with the publication of quality papers by leading experts. And, of course, to the metal gold itself for having such interesting catalytic behaviour!

GOLD 2006 Keynotes

This is the year of **GOLD 2006** in Limerick. It is the next in the series of international gold conferences on the science, technology and applications of gold, which are promoted by World Gold Council and supported by *Gold Bulletin*. In this issue we highlight the list of distinguished **Keynote Speakers** who have committed to date (see the conference website: www.gold2006.org). As I write, the submission of abstracts has been impressive in number (and quality); an increase of around 70% over those submitted for Gold 2003 in Vancouver. This augurs well for an excellent conference that should attract the scientist experts worldwide as well as industrialists looking to exploit gold science commercially. We particularly expect high numbers of students to attend, presenting their latest research results as papers and posters. I must admit to being quite excited at the prospect.

Incidentally, several gold companies have generously offered gold coins as prizes, so some lucky students will leave Limerick richer (financially) than before they arrived! We will all leave Limerick richer in other, more cerebral ways of course!

Let me finish by wishing you all a successful New Year in 2006!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Corti". The signature is written in a cursive style and is followed by a long, horizontal, slightly wavy line that extends to the right.

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